

Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/669,743

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Robin R. Waller

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Remarks filed 10/28/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13 and 19-25 renumbered 1-20.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/28/ & 3/8/04 & 12/29/03
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Davis, Esq on 12/14/04.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below.

Delete Claims 14-18 and 26-28

Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

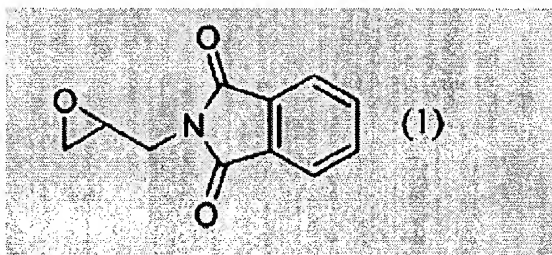
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1 –13 and 19-25 are allowed.

Applicants claim:

The process of preparing a glycidylphthalimide represented by the following formula 1:



wherein phthalimide and an epthalohydrin in an organic solvent in the presence of an alkali metal carbonate, an alkali metal hydrogencarbonate or a quaternary ammonium salt. In addition, the organic solvent is an alcohol.

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The closet prior art of record, Schickander et al. U.S. Pat. No. 4,599,346 teaches a process of producing the compound above wherein the epibromohydrin is added to potassium phthalimide in dimethyl formamide.

The instant claims intend to solve the problem in the prior art wherein the product recovered is in poor yield. The instant claims have found that reacting an optically active epihalohydrin and an alkali metal phthalimide in an alcohol solvent, optically active glycidylphthalimide is easily obtainable in good yield and optical purity.

Claims 1-13 and 19-25, renumbered 1-20 respectively, are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Robin Waller whose telephone number is (571) 272-2901. Examiner Waller can normally be reached Monday through Friday 8:30AM to 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699.

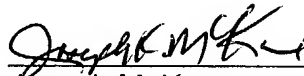
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